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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

CRIME DIARY.

CRIME REGISTER No:— Misc. 213/37.

"A" Division.
Chengtu Road Police Station.
October 29, 1937.

Diary Number:— 2.

Nature of Offence:—

Time at which investigation begun and concluded each day		Places visited in course of investigation each day	

RECORD OF INVESTIGATION.

Alleged firing of shots at Netherland's Marines during Drill on the Racecourse.

Further investigations have been conducted regarding the complaint made vide this report, but nothing has been gained that would substantiate the impression of deliberate shooting, as suspected by the authorities concerned.

D.I. Boddy, Senior Detective i/c Sinza Station was communicated with and caused enquiries to be made opposite the scene, but no information was obtained and the above detective officer is of the same opinion that was expressed by the undersigned on Diary No. 1.

The undersigned and D.S.I. Tsai Liu made enquiries at the New World Hotel, where it was discovered that the roof is at present under repair and not available to residents.

No person was located at the above hotel, who had heard shots fired on the days stated other than the ~~report~~ reports emanating from the war area. Although there is no doubt that shots were fired, from investigations made, it would appear that a mistake has occurred, regarding any deliberate attack on the military force concerned.

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

CRIME DIARY.

CRIME REGISTER No:— Misc. 213/37.

"A" Division.
Chengtu Road Police Station.
October 28, 1937.

Diary Number:— 1.

Nature of Offence:—

Time at which investigation begun and concluded each day		Places visited in course of investigation each day	

RECORD OF INVESTIGATION.

Alleged firing of shots at Netherland's Marines during drill on the Racecourse.

At about 4 p.m. on the 28-10-37, information was received from D.C.I. Ross attached to the Special Branch that a complaint had been made by the Authorities of the Netherlands Destroyer, Van Galen, that during drill practice on the Racecourse on the 27-10-37 and 28-10-37 rifle shots had been fired at the Marines on parade.

The undersigned communicated with the above destroyer and arranged an interview with Lieutenant Leistenick, Officer in charge of the parades, and at 4.45 p.m. the following information was obtained.

At 8 a.m. on the 27-10-37, the Netherlands Marines were drilling on Recreation Ground No. 1 facing Bubbling Well Road, and during the parades, the report of two shots were stated to have been heard, this being followed by the whine of bullets, passing low overhead.

No report was made to Lieutenant Leistenick, who was in charge of the parade and, who had failed to hear the shots.

At 10.35 a.m. on the 28-10-37, on the same ground, three more reports were heard, and then the whine of bullets passing low overhead, this time being heard by Lieutenant Leistenick, who was then informed of the shots the previous day.

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Initial report made by Mr Bos, Netherlands Consulate on 28/10/37.
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CRIME DIARY.

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Diary Number:— 1/2. Nature of Offence:—

Time at which investigation begun and concluded each day		Places visited in course of investigation each day	

RECORD OF INVESTIGATION.

Informant stated that no aircraft were operating in the vicinity on either day, and the shots appeared to be fired from the North.

The authorities are of the impression that the shots were deliberately fired at the Netherlands Marines, this being supposed due to the absence of aircraft, direction of flight and the low trajectory.

It was pointed out that in all probability, the bullets were the result of stray shooting, but this explanation is not acceptable. Lieutenant Leistenick stating that it was probably some person shooting from buildings facing the Racecourse, in between the China United Apartments and the New World.

Due to the above, drills have been discontinued, p pending enquiries by Police and subsequent report.

In the opinion of the undersigned, the bullets on the 27-10-37 were stray shots fired during the early morning evacuation of Chapei by the Chinese troops, and those on the 28-10-37, resulted from firing between troops still operating in the vicinity of North Yu Ya Ching Road, and the Chapei Boundary.

Search for the spot bullets failed to locate them.

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